

# EXHIBIT C



United States Department of the Interior  
BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT  
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In Reply Refer To: GE 555A  
(FOIA Request No. 2019-00218)

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Mr. Travis Annatoyn  
Democracy Forward Foundation  
P.O. Box 34553  
Washington, DC 20043

Dear Mr. Annatoyn:

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) has received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, sent to the BSEEOFIA mailbox and dated July 23, 2019. Your request has been forwarded to our office for research and response. You have asked for records related to guidance related to specified regulations, from April 1, 2016 to the present. We have assigned your request Number 2019-00218; please reference this number on any correspondence concerning this request.

Due to the need to gather the information from other offices, we have taken a 10-workday extension under the Department of the Interior's (the Department's) FOIA regulations (43 CFR §2.19(a) in order to properly process your request. We note that your request has been placed in the complex processing track in accordance with the date it was received. There are currently 23 requests in the queue that were received prior to yours.

You may file an appeal of the delay in responding to your FOIA request any time after the time limit for responding to your request (including the 10-workday extension) has passed. We have calculated that date to be September 12, 2019. Your appeal must be in writing and addressed to:

Freedom of Information Act Appeals Officer  
Department of the Interior  
Office of the Solicitor  
1849 C Street, N.W., MS 6556 MIB  
Washington, D.C. 20240  
Telephone: (202) 208-5339  
Fax: (202) 208-6677  
e-mail: [foia.appeals@sol.doi.gov](mailto:foia.appeals@sol.doi.gov)

Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. E.T., Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday. You must include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and the Bureau concerning your FOIA request, including a copy of your original FOIA request and this letter informing you of the delay in responding to your FOIA request. Failure to include this documentation with your appeal will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal. The appeal should be marked, both on the envelope and the face of the letter, with the legend, "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL."

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
e-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>  
Telephone: (202) 741-5770  
Fax: (202) 741-5769  
Toll-free: (877) 684-6448

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by e-mail at [karen.miller@bsee.gov](mailto:karen.miller@bsee.gov) or by telephone at (504) 736-2964.

Sincerely,



Karen M. Miller  
Freedom of Information Act Officer